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SUBJECT: CEP: CURRENT OIL CRISIS -- PETROLEUM PLANNING
COMMITTEE (PPC) REPORT

REF: (A) NATO 5837; (B) STATE 236133; (C) NATO 5885

1. WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON SUBJECT REPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS.
COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBERS OF REPORT.

A. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 2 OF VAN EUPEN'S NOTE. WE
WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION OF THE NATURE AND ROLE OF THE
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ENERGY GROUP OF THE EEC.

B. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 1. WE ASSUME THAT THE FIGURES GIVEN IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF 1973. CLARIFICATION OF THE TIME PERIOD SHOULD BE MADE. THE FIGURES SHOWN DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REMEDIAL MEASURES TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION, THE EFFECT OF WHICH CANNOT YET BE MEASURED.

C. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 4 (A)(II). WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE SUBMISSION OF MONTHLY OIL STOCK LEVEL REPORTS. INTERIOR/OOG (SOON TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE NEW FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE U.S. SUBMISSION. OUR STOCK LEVEL REPORT WILL BE SIMILAR

TO ONE WHICH WE WILL SOON BEGIN TO SUBMIT TO THE OECD. THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REWRITTEN TO CLARIFY THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF NATO WILL SUBMIT ONE REPORT TO OECD AND ONE TO NATO.

D. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 4 (A)(III). WE WILL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS PARAGRAPH WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. WE EXPECT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF PRESS RELEASES.

E. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 4 (B)(I). WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, AND THE MATTER WILL BE COORDINATED BY INTERIOR/OOG.

F. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 5. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE LEVEL (OR PERCENTAGE) OF CIVIL STOCKS THAT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE, FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES. ALSO, WE NEED GENERAL CLARIFICATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH ON WHETHER THESE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO SECURE STOCKS, OPERATIONAL STOCKS, OR BOTH. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF MILITARY STOCKS AND WHETHER DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS ARE ENVISIONED FOR EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES.

G. THE REPORT SHOULD CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCEPC (PPC) AND THE NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS WELL AS STRESS THE NEED FOR FULL IN-HOUSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO. WHAT IS THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES?

2. WE FEEL THE REPORT REPRESENTS A SOLID BEGINNING TOWARD MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATO HEADQUARTERS TO DEAL WITH THE OIL SITUATION. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE COMMENTS IN DISCUSSING THE PPC REPORT DURING THE SECPC

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